## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Divisional Application of USSN: 09/508,458

Group Art Unit: 1742

TSUCHIYA, et al.

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For. THIXOCAST FE-BASED ALLOY MATERIAL AND PROCESS FOR HEATING

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: July 9, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: